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NEWS RELEASE

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We Need Your help in Identifying Two Suspects involved in a Money Scam

On April 3, 2013 a Beaverton Police Officer contacted a victim of a scam where she lost \$1,500.00. This occurred at the Goodwill store located on NW Cornell Road on April 1, 2013.

When the officer spoke with the victim, it was determined that she had bought a plastic gem that that she was told was a diamond valued at \$30,000.00. The investigation has determined that there were at least two individuals involved in this scam.

The scam involved one suspect contacting the victim and asking if she knew of a good attorney, because her husband had been struck by a vehicle. The suspect then went on to say that a suitcase had fallen out of the vehicle that contained gold and diamonds and then showed the victim some diamonds. At that point, suspect #2 came up and was told the same story by suspect #1. Suspect #2 said that she had a friend that could appraise the diamonds and might buy them. Suspect #2 took the diamonds to get them appraised. Suspect #2 returned a short time later with an envelope that she said contained \$14,000.00 and a certificate of authenticity on the remaining diamonds. Suspect #2 stated that her friend would be willing to buy the two remaining diamonds later that day. Suspect #1 then offered to sell a diamond to the victim for \$1,500.00. Suspect #2 told the victim they could sell the diamond to her friend and split the profit.

The victim agreed to purchase the diamond and took both suspects to her bank and took out \$1,500.00 cash. The agreement was that the victim would meet up with suspect #2 at 5:00 p.m. to sell the diamond. When the victim was unable to reach suspect #2 she took the diamond to get it appraised and found out it was plastic and was worthless.

Suspect #1 is described as an adult Hispanic female, approximately 5'5", 170-180 lbs., black hair, dark colored eyes. The suspect's hair was short, in a ponytail and she had a lot of freckles on her face.

Suspect #2 went by the name Ester and is described as an adult Hispanic female, approximately 5'2", 140 Lbs., Red hair, and brown eyes.

Anyone with information that might help to identify these suspects is asked to call the Beaverton Police Department at (503) 629-0111.



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